

Looking back, it amazes
me how much publicity
MES got in the print media -
(Star, Telegram in Toronto) & in my
case, Edmonton Journal.

35 Wynford Hts Res. (1904)
Don Mills ON M3C 1L1
Dec. 12th, 1996

Dear John:

Don't know whether any of this memorabilia is any
help to you or not. I really don't need it any more, so I thought
I would pass it along.

The letters back and forth to me while still in Edmonton
may be of value. I was perhaps the only MES'er who had to work
for 3 years to save enough money to attend MES, but in 1937
when I had finished grade 11 (junior matriculation), it was
rumoured that MES might not accept students with only junior
matric. And so, before I left school (formal, as I took my grade
twelve subjects at highschool), I had to be assured that "in three
years" I would be still eligible to attend MES. Those letters
were my assurance, so I quit school, went to business school, and
then worked for 3 years at Eaton's...started at \$11 per week, then
\$12.50, and then \$14.00, but managed to save everything over \$5.00
per week in an Eaton's bank account (they paid double the interest
than a bank), and by August of 1940 was set to go. However, I
did have to work part time in Toronto (Miss Somers never did find
out) and managed to get camp jobs in the summer (certainly couldn't
go home to Edmonton for summers or Christmas, etc.)

As well as the influence of MES on YWCA's (really enjoyed your
"thesis" on that subject,) the influence Margaret Eaton had on
the Eat Girls' ~~Camp~~ Club and Camp was notable too. I lifeguarded
for the Eaton Girls' Club (same bldg as MES) for the 2 years and
then moved from the summer of 1941 (Glen Bernard Camp), where
I got \$25 per month, to Eaton's Girls' Camp in Stouffville, where
I got \$75 per month. Bess Pitt (Barron) was my "boss", and that
is why we have kept up that connection ever since. In fact, one of
my campers and I will be driving to Niagara Falls on Dec. 19th
to see Bess. We go about 3 times a year. She is now failing quite
quickly in our view.

I have rambled on. Will send you a copy of the
news letter when Jean King Morrison gets it done on her word processor,
Each of you will receive your kind gesture of a copy each, as well.

The Margaret Eaton School

TORONTO

March 6, 1940

Miss Pauline Seller,
10931-83rd Street,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Miss Seller:

Thank you for sending Miss Somers your Junior Matriculation certificate. This is quite in order, and will admit you to our school next fall. We are keeping the certificate until after you come when it will be returned to you.

Yours very truly,

Charlotte H. Layton

CL:HC

Secretary

The Margaret Eaton School
TORONTO

February 17, 1940

Miss Pauline Seller,
10931 - 83rd Street,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Miss Seller:

I was very happy to receive your letter of February 5th and to learn that you thought you would be able to enter The Margaret Eaton School next year.

Miss Carson was right in telling you that we give a year's notice before making any change in our entrance requirements. If you wish to enter this fall your junior matriculation would therefore be all that is necessary. It would be wise, however, for you to send us your matriculation papers now to make sure that everything is in order. Since you will be living with your mother and not at the school residence, there is no advantage in sending your application just yet, although we should like to have it by early summer.

We are glad that you are continuing your work at the Y.W.C.A. and like Miss Goodfellow. She does very excellent work herself, and should make a very good teacher.

We expect to have a 1940 calendar out early this summer, and we will see that you get a copy of it. We shall be looking forward to having you as a student next year.

Very sincerely yours,

Florence A. Somers

FAS:HC

Director

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The Margaret Eaton School
TORONTO

August 1, 1939

Miss Pauline Seller,
10931-83rd Street,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Miss Seller:

As Miss Somers, the Director, is out of town your letter of July 24th concerning our entrance requirements has come to me.

It is usual for us to give one year's notice of any change in our entrance requirements. At the present time we accept Ontario junior matriculation, or its equivalent in the other provinces provided no subject is below 50%, but we consider senior matriculation a much better background for the course and advise prospective pupils whenever possible to get it before commencing the course.

I am writing to Miss Somers and will ask her if there is likely to be any change in the requirements in the near future, and will let you know if any change is expected.

We hope that you will be able to commence the course next fall.

Yours sincerely,

Hazel M. Carson

HMC/

Acting Secretary

THE MARGARET EATON SCHOOL

Graduation

1942

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 22nd

Programme

CHAIRMAN—THE VERY REVEREND C. E. RILEY

CHORUS

"Land of Our Birth"

THE SCHOOL

INVOCATION

THE VERY REVEREND C. E. RILEY

VALEDICTORY

NANCY GRAY

MUSIC

"The Graceful Swaying Wattle",
by Frank Bridge
"Go Forth with God",
by Martin Shaw

THE SCHOOL

CEREMONY OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ELIZABETH SECCOMBE
RUTH CARLETON

ADDRESS

THE REVEREND
D. A. MACLENNAN, B.A., B.D.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND DIPLOMAS

FLORENCE A SOMERS, M.A.

MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS

THE VERY REVEREND C. E. RILEY

GOD SAVE THE KING

Diplomas

EVA HARRIET CAMPBELL
NELLA PATRICIA CAVENAGH
LOIS PAULINE CREIGHTON
JEAN ELIZABETH DENOVA
MARGARET JESSIE DRUMMOND
MARJORIE JEAN FINCH
RUTH URSULA FORBES
PHYLLIS MACGREGOR GALE
NANCY SPENCER GRAY
BARBARA CAMERON HALLIDAY
JEAN HETHERINGTON KING
FRANCES MARILYN KITCHEN
MARGARET ELIZABETH MARSHALL
NANCY HELEN McKEAN
JOYCE O'NEILL
FLORENCE KATHLEEN GALE
SHEILA MADELINE RYAN
RUTH MARIAN SCOTT
ELIZABETH JANE SECCOMBE
PAULINE PATRICIA SELLER
SIRKKA MARIA STERNER
MARGARET HELEN STEWART
GWYNETH MARY THOMPSON
MARY MACKENZIE THOMPSON
ANNE ELIZABETH THOMPSON
EVELYN TINDALE

The Gold Medal for Best Standing

FLORENCE

RILEY

The Charlotte A. Thompson Silver Medal

PAULINE

Honours Honors

BARBARA HALLIDAY, JOYCE

PAULINE

PAULINE
SELLER

FLORENCE
RILEY,

Miss P. Seller Graduates With High Honors

Of interest to friends in Edmonton is the announcement from Margaret Eaton school in Toronto that Miss Pauline Seller, daughter of Mrs. C. Seller and the late Rev. John Seller of Edmonton, has graduated with high honors. Miss Seller was awarded the silver medal for highest general service to her school at the graduation exercises last week.

Miss Seller is a graduate of Eastwood High School in Edmonton. Before she left the city two years ago she was private secretary to the assistant manager of the T. Eaton Co. Western Limited and active in Y.W.C.A. work.

For the summer months Miss Seller will act as councillor at the Margaret Eaton club camp just outside of Toronto. In the fall she will go to Regina where she will be director of physical education at the Y.W.C.A.

Miss Seller was well-known in musical circles in Edmonton and during her stay in Toronto she was soloist in one of the city churches.



THE MARGARET EATON SCHOOL
Activities Association Banquet

Thursday, May 14th, 1942

Toast Mistress ... J. O'Neill

The King

"God Save the King"

The School F. Riley, Miss Somers

"We Pledge to Thee Our Country"

The Staff J. Cavenagh, Miss Jackson

The Council ... M. Shirton, E. Seecombe

"Let Freedom Ring"

The Students .. Miss Naylor, P. Seller

The M.E.S. Songsters

M. Drummond, R. Scott, A. Thomson

The A. A. P. Gale, U. Forbes

The Last Will and Testament ... J. King

"Farewell"

"We'll Meet Again"



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